

owner, and she is one of 24 selected honorees that are now listed as the historic names of school properties.

Mrs. Lovings dedication to her community is evident through the many accolades she was awarded in her lifetime. A longtime volunteer and community activist, Mrs. Loving was known for her work with the elderly and low-income families. She was the first president of the Metropolitan School Boards Association. She was a two-term member of the city's Human Relations Committee and served on former Mayor Ernest N. "Dutch" Morial's commission to chart a course for the city's future. She was a co-founder of the Emergency Fund for United Churches of Algiers, and in 1982 she received the Torch of Liberty Award from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Mrs. Loving was a former member of the deaconess board at St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church in Algiers. Rose Mary was even awarded an honorary Doctor of Education by Xavier University of Louisiana.

Rose Mary Loving was born in Kenner and lived in Algiers at the time of her passing. Her impact in this community throughout her 82 years of life continues to be felt still to this day.

I am honored to have personally known Mrs. Rose Mary Loving. I am especially humbled knowing that her name will be honored on a school within Louisiana's Second Congressional District.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CODE RETURNING CITIZENS COORDINATION ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the District of Columbia Code Returning Citizens Coordination Act, which would require the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to provide information to the District of Columbia government on individuals convicted of felonies under D.C. law in BOP custody. Currently, BOP provides no information to D.C. on these individuals, even immediately before release, which inhibits reentry, increases recidivism and harms public safety. Last Congress, the Committee on Oversight and Reform passed this bill.

Federal law requires BOP to incarcerate individuals convicted of felonies under D.C. law. There are currently 3,200 such individuals in BOP custody, and they are located in prisons throughout the United States. This unique custody arrangement creates several obstacles to successful reentry, including information sharing among agencies.

BOP asserts that federal privacy laws prohibit it from providing any information to D.C. on these individuals, which prevents D.C. from having services ready for them when they return from prison. Yet, studies consistently show the importance of health care, housing, education, job training and substance use disorder treatment for successful reentry.

This bill would require BOP to provide D.C. 2 types of information on each individual convicted of a D.C. Code felony in BOP custody. Every 90 days, BOP would provide the name, age, Federal Register Number, facility where

housed and the scheduled release date. Upon D.C.'s request, BOP would provide D.C. the same information that BOP provides to the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia (CSOSA) on these individuals, such as their release plan. CSOSA is a federal agency that supervises individuals convicted of D.C. Code felonies on supervised release and parole.

D.C. would be allowed to provide the biographical information only to counsel for the individuals, and to organizations that provide legal representation to individuals in criminal or post-conviction matters, or in matters related to reentry. D.C. would not be allowed to provide any of the other information, and D.C. law enforcement agencies would not have access to any of the information.

The overwhelming majority of people in prison return home. I hope everyone agrees on the importance of successful reentry.

I ask my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING THE NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Vietnam War Veterans Day and the hundreds of Vietnam veterans across New Hampshire who bravely served in all branches of our Armed Forces. Fifty years ago, on March 29, 1973, the last U.S. combat troops departed Vietnam and the remaining American prisoners of war were released.

On this day, in accordance with the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act, we remember and honor the more than seven million U.S. Vietnam War veterans who served from November 1955 to May 1975. We solemnly commemorate their sacrifices as part of a national effort to stand with these remarkable individuals and thank them for their service and sacrifice.

We also honor the tens of thousands of Americans who were wounded in the conflict, the 1,253 missing in action heroes who have not yet been returned to American soil, and the 2,500 Americans taken as prisoners of war.

The veterans of the Vietnam War come from all walks of life, but are united by the common thread of service to their country and in defense of democracy. As a Nation, it is important for us to not just offer our thanks whenever possible but to ensure that Vietnam veterans get the care and help they need. Because sentiments and platitudes ring hollow without action to ensure that our veterans get the care, services and respect they have earned.

As President Kennedy said of those who have served in uniform: "as we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." That is why, as the Representative for New Hampshire's First Congressional District and a member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I remain committed to ensuring that all veterans, in New Hampshire and across the country, have access to the care and benefits their service has earned.

Our Vietnam veterans play an essential role in our communities when they return from service. They are teachers, first responders, and members of law enforcement. They volunteer for local organizations, serve in local government, and inspire the next generation of Americans to give back to their country.

On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I salute the bravery of all New Hampshire Vietnam veterans, and I urge my fellow Granite Staters to thank the veterans in their lives for their service and find ways to continue to pay down the debt that we all share for that sacrifice.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PASTOR DWIGHT ALLEN PRUITT

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a beloved community leader, Pastor Dwight Allen Pruitt of Dayton, Texas, who passed away on February 23, 2023, at 62 years old.

Pastor Pruitt was born on November 24, 1961, in Dayton, Texas, to the late Eural and Lois Lee Pruitt. As a young man, he was heavily influenced by his grandmother, Vester Lee Earls, who shared the gospel with him. Her testimony and lessons led him to accept Christ at an early age.

In the early 1990s, Dwight felt called to enter ministry. While attending St. Miles Missionary Baptist Church in Ames, Texas, he preached his first sermon. In time, Pastor Pruitt was ordained and called to serve as Pastor of St. Miles Missionary Baptist Church, a congregation he led for nearly 13 years.

In 2004, Pastor Pruitt obtained a Bachelor of Theology degree from the United Christian Theological Institution in Houston, Texas. During his tenure at St. Miles, he implemented Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Narcotics Anonymous (NA), and a prison outreach program, all of which still exist today and minister to the needs of Liberty County residents.

In addition to his ministry, Pastor Pruitt was devoted to and an advocate for his community. After serving on the Dayton City Council from 2012 to 2017, he was elected again in 2022 and was a member until his passing. He was also a member of the Liberty County Hospital District No. 1 Board, the Dayton Community Development Corporation, the City of Dayton Park Board, and retired from the Liberty County Appraisal District.

Mr. Speaker, it was a privilege to know and work with Pastor Dwight Pruitt. I will always appreciate his faith and leadership in our community, and my most sincere prayers remain with his family, friends, and church congregation during this difficult time.

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HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, I was grateful to attend the